

From: [Graber, Nathan \(HEALTH\)](#)
To: [Enck, Judith](#)
Subject: Re: PFOA in Hoosick Falls, NY
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 5:24:36 PM

My secretary tried your office this afternoon but wasn't able to set something up. Shall we try for tomorrow?

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On Dec 14, 2015, at 9:27 PM, Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nathan. F y I. See below. Do you have time to talk tuesday morning ? Thanks
, Judith

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brian Bushner <bbushner@gmail.com>
Date: December 14, 2015 at 8:00:34 PM EST
To: evagelista.pat@epa.gov, enck.judith@epa.gov
Subject: PFOA in Hoosick Falls, NY

Ms. Enck; Mr. Evangelista:

First and foremost, thank you for sending the letter regarding PFOA to the Mayor of Hoosick Falls, NY. It is disheartening that he initially refused to share the letter with the community, even after they requested it. We are lucky to have a local doctor that is on our side fighting for safe drinking water, who also provided the public with a copy of the letter.

I am not sure if you are going to be able to answer questions, but we seem to have nobody else to turn to. Our Mayor keeps telling people that the water consumption is a personal choice; the latest letter included with our water bill, dated the first week of December, says nothing about avoiding consumption of the water. Our Deputy Mayor, Ric DiDinato who oversees the village website, said in a public meeting that it would be "unethical" to update or change the wording on the website. He (Deputy Mayor) has also said

that the "EPA's opinion of the moment has been footnoted". He (the Deputy Mayor) has been very active on social media, making residents feel that they are jeopardizing "economic development", of which there is none, by being upset over the water.

We feel trapped, and we feel we can get no answers from anyone.

Here are some questions we can't get answers to. Our property and residence is 1,050 feet from the plant. We are never going to sell this house, even though we have no desire to live here any longer. Moreover, if we choose to bypass the village water and dig our own well, it is likely to be contaminated. We do not have the money to do so anyhow. On our property, we have had a large garden for the past three years, where we have grown a large portion of our own food. Is this soil safe? We also watered our garden with village water, all three years. Were our vegetables safe? Should we discard any frozen vegetables, or root vegetables? That's a big financial hit if we need to do so.

What about steam in the shower? What about tooth brushing? What about dish washing? How about the pipes - can PFOA coat the insides?

We have an all-house water filter on our main water line coming into the house. We have a carbon filter in it as of the news that the EPA had sent a letter. Is that helpful, or not at all? If not, is there a filter (what manufacturer? what model?) that can be used in that container filter?

People here are very concerned, and honestly frightened. We are not only being deprived of answers, but we are also being belittled for demanding them - and not just answers but truthful answers. There is no longer any trust with our elected officials. Who can help us? What can we do? Who does the mayor and village board think they are to exclaim that they disagree with a federal agency, the EPA?

I don't know how much authority that the EPA has, but frankly we feel trapped and helpless right now. We just need

some answers, and some action. I hope you can help.

Respectfully,

Brian Bushner
Hoosick Falls, NY